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The Christmas Wish

Dear Santa Claus,

I have been good,
Good as can be,
So Santa please grant this favor for me,
Show unto others and my friends too,
The real spirit and meaning of you.
I understand you, Santa old friend,
But others don't know why good presents you send,
They don't realize you're the Spirit of Love,
Sent by the Heavenly Father above,
To spread peace, joy, and most of all love,

They tell me Santa that you now cease,
No longer making your rounds from West to East,
But I believe otherwise Santa, I know,
On Christmas Eve, December the Twenty-fourth,
You'll be making your stops from South to North.

Known from Chris Kringle to Old Saint Nick,
From the depths of devotion you arise,
Flying around the world o'er the crest of the skies,
You brave winter storms and cold,
To deliver your packages to young and to old.

From that first stop long ago in Bethlehem Town,
When you brought the true meaning of Christmas down,
You've been carrying bundles of heavenly love.
On that very same day for many a year,
Depending upon your trusty Reindeer.

Due to the Spirit of Jesus the Christ Child,
Packages you'll carry once again,
Urged on by our cries of great joy and delight,
Your reindeer once more will roam into flight,
Coming to houses on Christmas Eve night.

Dear Santa, please show us you still exist,
For you cannot die,
Till the memory of your rides o'er the midnight skies,
Is forgotten, gone and in our past lies,
For fond memory dear Santa is on what you thrive.

Oh Santa, Dear Santa please grant my wish,
Help everyone know you as well as I.

Charles T. Moses, III

Silent Night

Holy Night, all is calm, all
is bright. We wish you the great gifts
of friendship, love and peace.

MR. AND MRS. FLOYD C. COLEMAN
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O, HOLY NIGHT

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STONEWALL

And looking upon Jesus as he walked, he saith, Behold the Lamb of God. John 1:36.

Mr. Crawford Davidson and Mr. Phil Harrison attended the wedding of Miss Barrell at Culpeper Saturday.

Mr. J. L. Harrison has been in the hospital for a few days and is still there.

Mrs. H. J. King reports her son, Billy, is on the way to Vietnam. Pray he will have a safe trip and return to his family.

Mr. Bob Wheeler from Richmond visited his parents Thursday.

Mr. Emory Roby visited Mr. Glover in the Wheeler home Thursday and took him to Amherst.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Krantz and Connie and Mrs. Elsie Krantz visited Mr. and Mrs. Robert Krantz Sunday afternoon at Altavista.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler, Mr. Wallace Bondurant visited Tilden Lee at Appomattox last week.

Mrs. A. W. Elliott is home from the hospital and is doing fine.

Mrs. Hop Elliott returned from Va. Beach Monday night, after visiting her daughter, who is ill.

Mrs. Lyle Gilbert and Mrs. Eugene Cyrus were visitors in town last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler and Louise and Mr. Herbie Gordon from S. Carolina visited Mr and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday.

Mrs. Ruby Oakes and Mr. Watkins Elliott of Rustburg visited Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant Sunday.

Highway Dept. Issues Book

Provisions in Virginia's highway construction specifications have been revised to insure greater control over erosion, siltation and pollution, the Virginia Department of Highways said today.

The revisions are included in five sections of the 1970 edition of the department's "Road and Bridge Specifications," a 582-page book governing operations on all highway construction projects and most maintenance work. The book serves as a guide for personnel of the department and the approximately 600 contractors with whom it does business.

The specifications reflect the agency's continuing concern for strengthening its environmental regulations, which in 1967 were cited by federal transportation officials as a model for other states.

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The Pastor Speaks

PRAISE THE LORD

Psalms 147:1,7 says "Praise ye the Lord . . . Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving . . ."

Someone has said "Praise is the only one of our present duties that still endure. We pray, but there will come a time when the last petition will be offered. We believe, but there will be time when faith will be lost in sight. But Praise goes singing into Heaven, . . . to transmit along the shores of eternity the song of the Lamb!"

Our worship and thanksgiving this Christmas season should be natural and spontaneous, a delight rather than a duty. The abundance that the Lord has showered upon us should cause us to sing gratitude of heart. It is a known fact that most Americans today live like the kings and the noble rich of just a few centuries ago. Only half a world away people live in mud huts and are undernourished, underclothed, and experience the deepest privations; but the Lord in His grace has showered our pleasant land with every token of His Goodness. We are no better than they, and yet His smile of blessing and love brightens our pathway with the height of prosperity. What joy should be ours, therefore, as we drink from this overflowing cup of His grace.

During this Christmas season then, let us in turn honor the Lord with our substance by giving liberally and cheerfully of our time, money and talent to advance His glory and Praise on the earth.

It is said that Moses Montifiore, the Philanthropist, had as the motto of his home, "Think and Thank," In the old Anglo-Saxon language, thankfulness really meant "THINKfulness". Thinking of all God's goodness brings forth gratitude and praise.

Remember this Christmas Season by being thankful!

Rev. Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va.

Christmas GREETINGS

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

THE GREAT RACE

Lesson for December 27, 1970

Background Scripture: Philippians 3:1-21. Devotional Reading: Ephesians 4:1-7.

Several decades ago an enterprising songwriter used a beautiful melody by Frederick Chopin as the basis for a song we still occasionally hear today. "I'm Always Chasing Rainbows" was one of Perry Como's biggest hits.

Rev. Althouse

Hundreds of thousands of people have sung, hummed, or heard this as a pleasant song. Yet I wonder how many have ever stopped to think of the plaintive message behind that beautiful tune?

A "wild goosechase"

As Perry Como sang the song, it all sounded very beautiful, but when you begin to consider the words by themselves, there is nothing beautiful about the experience of which they speak. Life, says, the song, is a "race," a "wild goosechase" of chasing one "rainbow" after another.

Paul also saw life as a race, but he saw it in much more positive terms. He described life in terms that could easily be understood by any 21st century A.D. sports fan: "I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." He had been even more pointed in his allusion to running in 1 Corinthians 9: "So run that you may obtain it (the prize)" (24b). Later the writer of Hebrews would also urge: ". . . let us run with perseverence the race that is set before us . . ." (12:1).

So, life might well be likened to a race, rather than a stance. For Jesus did not say, **I am the** position, but "I am the way . . ." and the first name given to those who followed the resurrected Lord was "followers of the Way." Christianity was not intended to be a fall-out shelter, country club, or asylum for the fearful, but a people of God on the run in the midst of a great race. Whether that race is a "wild goosechase" or the winning of a crown of laurels depends upon the way we run it.

Don't look back

Russ Boyle, my track coach in high school, had a maxim which he never tired giving to his runners: "Don't look back!" That may seem an unimportant principle, but if you've ever done any competitive running you know that giving in to that urge to look back can cost you the race. The act of turning one's head, even ever so slightly, can throw the runner's body off-balance, may break his stride and lose a valuable second that may win or lose the race. The momentary diversion may also cause a runner to stumble or waver. "Don't look back" is a vital instruction for the athletic runner.

It is also important for this race we call "life." Paul knew this: ". . . forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal . . ." Failure to emulate this can cost us the race. We may become impaled on the past, forever looking over our shoulders to what we have left behind.

Keep your eye on the goal!

Not only must we not look back, we must keep our eye on the goal. There are times in a race when the body says "I'm exhausted; let's quit." Often the only thing that keeps us from giving-in is the lure of the goal before us. We put up with the pain and exertion of the moment for the sake of what we will receive when we finish.

So it is with life: if we keep our eye on the goal we can keep going even though the body, mind, or spirit counsels quitting.

Life need not be either a "rat race" or a "wild goosechase." Like Paul, we remember to look ahead instead of behind and keep our eyes on the prize, it can be "the great race."

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Letters To Santa Claus

Dear Santa;

I am your little friend, Sabrina Richardson, of Pamplin.

I would like to receive: Crissy doll, an organ, games, doll clothes and a Hoppity Hop Ball.

Please be good to all the children of the world and have a nice Christmas. Thank you.

Love,
Sabrina

In Germany, the people bake long cakes for Christmas. The cakes are meant to symbolize the Christ Child wrapped in swaddling clothes.

Merry Christmas!

Santa's on his way to you with a list of merry wishes and thanks for your loyal support.

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Redfields Part Of Civil War History

When General Lee surrendered the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia to General Grant at Appomattox in April 1865 there were many battle-weary soldiers suffering from wounds and disease who needed hospitalization. One of the temporary hospitals is now the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Janatka who are members of this Cooperative and live about one mile from Appomattox on State Route 635.

This historic home, Redfields, was built by George Abbitt about 1830 and the older portion built prior to then. The house itself is unique in that it is a three story house, one half of which was apparently built at two different times. There was originally a wall between the upstairs portions of each half with a hallway on each side so that it was necessary to come down the staircase on one side and back up the one on the other to get from one half floor room to the other. Doors have now been cut between the rooms.

Mrs. Janatka who is a descendant of the Abbitt family relates some interesting stories about the history of the house. It seems that during the end of the Civil War it was being occupied by Yankee soldiers. One of the young Abbitt girls seeing a Yankee officer riding along the old Lynchburg to Farmville road in front of the house ran out and sought the assistance of this young officer with the long golden hair whereupon he came in and ordered the soldiers out. He is said to have been Custer.

The house was next used as Sheridan's Headquarters at the close of the War. Mrs. Janatka says that he was kind to the family giving them food such as flour, sugar and coffee which they had not enjoyed for some time. Following this the house became a Yankee hospital. Blood stains are clearly visible on the upstairs floors even though they have been refinished. Mrs. Janatka recalls as a young girl hearing older people talk of dead bodies being buried outside like cord wood".

At the time the Rockefeller Foundation began restoring Colonial Williamsburg the house needed a new roof and some of the boxwood from the front lawn were sold to the Foundation, with the money being used to replace the roof. There are still many large beautiful English and American boxwood in the front yard one of which is part of an interesting family story. It seems that the beau of one of the Abbitt girls was going off to War. She escorted him to the depot where he presented her a corsage made from boxwood and moss rose. She brought both back home, rooted them and planted them in the front lawn. The boxwood is now a large American tree boxwood but the rose though continuing to survive is almost dead.

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Local Singers In W & M Concert

Martha Moon and Tommy Terry were among the singers as the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, presented The Choir and Chorus in Christmas concerts last week.

Dr. Carl E. Fehr, director, included a contemporary choral work by Daniel Pinkham, "Christmas Cantata" sung by the choir of which Tommy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Terry, is a member. This was followed by the Chorus singing four works by different composers. Martha Moon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Moon, is a member.

The choir returned to complete the program with a list of traditional French, English and Russian carols, followed by the final segment of the program, Jolly's "Gloria in Excelsis", backed by brass and cymbal.

What Are the Facts About Christmas?

Everybody thinks that space travel is something very new, but an elderly gentleman in a rather unique "space-suit" set the pace years ago. His name: Santa Claus.

Now is the season when he's taking off again, for it's Christmas.

How much do you know about Christmas and Santa Claus? Here are some questions, developed with the help of the editors of the Encyclopedia International, to test your knowledge. The answers are at the bottom.

1. The first known Christmas card was designed in 1843 by an Englishman named:
   (A) Charles Dickens
   (B) Sir Henry Cole
   (C) John Calcott Horsley
2. The first Christian Nativity feast, celebrating the birth of Christ, occurred in the fourth century on:
   (A) January 6
   (B) July 4
   (C) December 25
3. Christmas did not become a legal holiday in the U.S. until:
   (A) The Puritans arrived in New England
   (B) 1856
   (C) Santa's Helpers Union went on strike.
4. The original name of the gentleman we know today as Santa Claus was:
   (A) Kris Kringle
   (B) Clement C. Moore
   (C) St. Nicholas

1. (C) is correct. Artist Horsley designed the first known Christmas greeting card for his friend, Sir Henry Cole, a wealthy London gentleman. Charles Dickens had his share in Christmas 1843, too. His book, "A Christmas Carol," was published that year.

2. (A) is correct. At first, January 6, the Epiphany, was observed as the feast of Jesus' baptism, with a secondary emphasis on His birth. It was not until the 5th century A.D. that Christmas was generally celebrated on December 25.

3. (B) is correct. New England states outlawed the celebration of Christmas until the middle of the 19th century.

4. (C) is correct. Kris Kringle is the German name for Santa, while Clement C. Moore contributed to the image of Santa Claus with his poem, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," in 1823. St. Nicholas was a real person, a fourth century bishop, and the first Santa Claus.

"Caution"

All persons bearing gifts this Christmas may not bring you good tidings. Some will instead offer amphetamine, barbiturate, marijuana, hashish and other harmful drugs. Smaller towns such as ours will have visitors from larger cities and colleges in the area for the holidays. It is necessary that we remember an experimentation with drugs or narcotics could lead to permanent psychological or physical disorders; sometimes for the remainder of your life. If someone trys to turn you on to drugs – turn them off. Thousands of youth are losing jobs, failing school, and being arrested due to the serious effects of drug abuse. We respect and look forward to the leadership of our youth. We wish you and your love ones A Very Merry Christmas and hope this warning will be honored if faced with the decision.

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Pin the Star

Children never tire of exciting party games, while the adults may need a rest. One game that is loads of fun for kids to play and adults to watch is a seasonal version of "Pin the Tail on the Donkey." This one is "Pin the Star on the Christmas Tree."

It's easy to cut a large shape of a Christmas Tree out of green construction paper and tape it to a wall or door, making sure it is low enough for the littlest guest to reach the top.

Each child gets a paper star with tape on the back and takes his turn being blindfolded and spun around. The one who can place his star closest to the top of the tree wins.

There's Inspiration

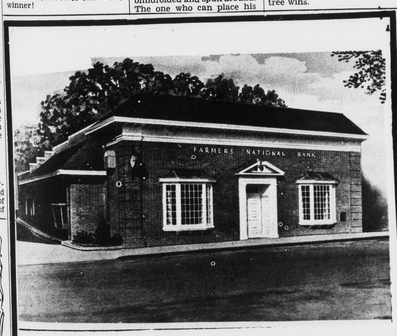
As in all forms of art, the story of the Nativity has been a source of inspiration to iconographers through the ages.

The Madonna and Child have long been favorite subjects for icons, while Byzantine triptychs often showed Christ, Mary His Mother and John the Baptist.

Other early iconographers turned to St. Nicholas, bishop of Myra, as a subject worthy of attention. The good bishop is known in legend as the forefather of Santa Claus.

Christmas festivities are a small package; one of the sturdier tree ornaments, a big candy cane.

One person who is not playing puts on a Christmas record. Everyone sits in a close circle and passes the object around. When the music suddenly stops, the person who has the object in his hand is out. This continues until the circle is reduced to one — the winner!



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